

June 23, 2003

To: All Potential Responders of LOI Solicitation RAX-3-33628

Subject: **Amendment No. 1** to Letter of Interest No, RAX-3-33628 entitled "PV Manufacturing R&D - Large-Scale Module and Component Yield, Durability, and Reliability"

The following information is provided in response to the questions received as of June 20, 2003 regarding the subject LOI solicitation. Some questions have been paraphrased for a more succinct inquiry.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

1. **Question:** Is state funding and funding provided from utility conservation funds collected from rate payers acceptable forms of cost share?

Answer: Funding from sources other than Federal agencies is considered acceptable cost share.

2. **Question:** Does a proposal for a new line of PV inverters fit the premise of the LOI?

Answer: You are directed to Page 14 of the LOI. As stated, Category A - PV System and Component Technology includes manufacturing **improvements** directed toward innovative, low-cost, high-return, high-impact PV products. This Category of the LOI focuses on manufacturing generally related to PV system components and aspects other than modules, such as energy storage, **inverters**, and/or system integration efficiency and/or design improvements, with emphasis on reliability. Also of interest are **new integrated PV products**, demonstrating improved design and advances in functionality as well as a focus on improved field reliability. Additionally, the Responder may address issues in system-component integration that bring all elements together for a PV product that is offered on the market. The approach can be through any means the Responder can demonstrate meets the project goals of reducing total life-cycle costs, expanding production capacity, and increasing product reliability.

Responders are required to acknowledge receipt of this Amendment No. 1 with any proposal submitted in response to this Letter of Interest.

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